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Asher Ben-Nathan, also known as Arthur

Under this caption in our communication of November 24, 1950, there were references to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Nathan of Los Angeles, one B. Nathan of 2019 Elmhurst, Detroit, and one A. Arthur of 1 Major Lane, New Hyde Park, Long Island, New York.

Our Los Angeles Office has determined that one Bea Sands was one of the guests at the party held on July 31, 1943, in Los Angeles, for the benefit of the West Coast publication "People's World." You will recall that Mr. and Mrs. Ben Nathan were reported to have been present at this same party. An informant of known reliability advised that Bea Sands had recruited one Bennett Nathan, 1264 Cloverdale Avenue, Los Angeles, into the Communist Party in 1943, suggesting the possibility that the Mr. Ben Nathan mentioned in our letter of November 24, 1950, was Bennett Nathan.

Investigation in Detroit revealed that one Wallace Nathan resides at 2019 Elmhurst, and that his wife's name is Beatrice. It would appear therefore that the B. Nathan referred to above is probably Beatrice Nathan of this address.

In New Hyde Park, Long Island, New York, it was determined that A. Arthur of 1 Major Lane is Alex A. Arthur. Investigation disclosed that the name Ben Nathan is unknown at the address.

You were advised in our November 24, 1950, letter that Asher Ben Nathan had entered this country at New York City on the 8th of November, stating that he was on a trip to inspect Israeli Consulates in the United States. An investigation was instituted to establish the nature of his activities and contacts while here.

It was determined that in the records of Pan-American Airways, by which carrier Ben Nathan arrived in New York City, he was named as Benathan Asher. Upon admittance to the country he advised Customs officials that his name is Asher Ben-Natan. He was travelling on a full diplomatic passport bearing number 5183 issued by the Government of Israel on July 19, 1950, and valid until July, 1951.

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From November 8, until the morning of November 13, Ben Nathan resided at the Mayflower Hotel in New York City. During this time he was reported to have made several contacts with officials and employees of the New York Consulate of the Israeli Government. At 8:40 A.M. on the latter date, he proceeded by air to Washington, D. C. accompanied by an individual subsequently identified as Jacob Nevatt, a clerk in the New York Consulate. Nevatt has been described by another governmental department as a German citizen born in Berlin, Germany on August 2, 1921. He arrived in the United States aboard the SS "Queen Mary" on May 22, 1950, to take his present position at the Israeli Consulate in New York City. His United States address was given as the Empire Hotel, New York City.

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Upon their arrival in Washington, on November 15, 1950, Ben Nathan and Nevatt were met by Meir Shalit, Assistant Press Attache at the Israeli Embassy, concerning whom information has been furnished your agency in the past. Ben Nathan remained in Washington until 2:00 P.M., November 17, 1950, and during the entire time was accompanied by Shalit. He is known to have spent the nights of November 15 - 16, and November 16 - 17, at Shalit's apartment, 2301 41st Street, N. W.

On November 16, 1950, Ben Nathan and Shalit had lunch at the Watergate Inn, Washington, with two unknown men whom they accompanied to the State Department, 21st and Virginia Avenue, N.W., following the meal. The four men proceeded to the office of Stuart W. Rockwell, at that time Chief, Economic Division, Office of Near Eastern and African Affairs, Department of State. It was ascertained that the State Department directory listed one Norman Burns as an employee in the same division. On November 15, 1950, a confidential informant of known reliability revealed that Shalit

had invited a Mr. Burns of the State Department to lunch with him and a guest at the Watergate Inn the following day.

On November 17, 1950, Shalit and Ben Nathan visited the Pentagon, however, the reason for the visit and the identity of the individual or individuals contacted could not be determined.

Upon departing from Washington, D. C., on November 17, 1950, Ben Nathan proceeded to New York City by train and re-registered at the Mayflower Hotel, where he resided until November 22. [REDACTED]

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A Mrs. Sadie Golub, wife of Abraham, resides at 1659 West 7th Street, Brooklyn, New York. Her husband was born October 5, 1886, in Russia, and reportedly is unemployed at the present time. Credit files, New York City, D.S. files and the records of our New York Office contain no additional information regarding Mr. and Mrs. Golub.

Investigation revealed that one Leon Wiznitzer resides at 1803 Riverside Drive, New York City. He emigrated from Casablanca, Morocco, to the United States on January 14, 1942, under the name Leiser Wiznitzer. INS records in New York City reflect that Wiznitzer was born January 17, 1884, at Karaczio, Romania, and his wife, Mina, was born October 23, 1883, at Lwow, Poland. He is the father of three children: David, born September 28, 1913, who now resides in New York City; Max, born April 29, 1915, who was in the U.S. Army as of 1946; and Arthur, born June 28, 1919, who as of 1946 resided in Palestine. No information regarding the Wiznitzers was found in the files of our New York Office.

The central files of this Bureau contain no pertinent derogatory information in the names of Abraham Golub, Sadie Golub, Leon Wiznitzer, Leiser Wiznitzer, Mina Wiznitzer, David Wiznitzer, Max Wiznitzer and Arthur Wiznitzer.

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